[Mr. K. George.]

(*c*) The Dewan did not inspect the *chira* ; but the Land Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer made a joint inspection of the site and they were of opinion that the tank is useful for both irrigation and communal purposes and should be retained.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (d).

The Trivandrum Public Library.

164. ✻MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Secretary of the Public Library has notified that the public will not have access to the reference books in the Library unless they are subscribers ;

(*b*) whether the Secretary has the permission from the Director of Public Instruction or Government to make such a change ; and

(*c*) what necessitated the restriction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No ; but he published two notices restricting the use of the Reference Room, not the reference books, by the public.

(*b*) No. The Library is not under the control of the Director of Public Instruction ; and Government sanction is not necessary for the action taken.

(*c*) The enforcement of Rule 23 of the Trivandrum Public Library Rules necessitated the restriction.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Can the Public Library be used by persons who are not either subscribers or members ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. All people can read newspapers and books in the Reading Room.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : It was stated in answer to part (*b*), that the Secretary was not under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction. May I know whether he is under orders of any other officer ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He is under the orders of Government.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Is he under the direct orders of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand that persons, who are neither subscribers nor members, will be supplied books in the Library ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They can take books and read them in the Reading Room.

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